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Three of the cases came into the city from the country and had to be taken care of by the city. Every effort is being made to stamp out the disease, which they hope to accomplish.

Very respectfully,

W. J. PETTUS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Mobile, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., *January 3, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a colored man, age 20, was admitted to the pesthouse yesterday suffering with confluent smallpox. He had been in the city for nine days, having come from Gastonburg, Wilcox County, Ala. He states (what I have suspected for a long time) that there are many cases of the disease in the county, and that no public action has been taken in the way of restriction or prevention. Gastonburg is on the Mobile and Birmingham Railroad, 129 miles north of Mobile.

Respectfully, yours,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Mobile, Southside, Collierine, and Catherine, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., *January 6, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the second case of smallpox, in a colored man, was discovered in this county near the city limits on the 4th instant and sent to the pesthouse yesterday. The man arrived here on the 1st from Selma, where the disease has existed for some time. On one plantation at Southside, near Selma, 88 negroes have recovered, and on another there are 8 cases. A young white man is sick with the disease at Collierine, Lowndes County. There are cases at Catherine, Wilcox County.

Respectfully, yours,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Bethel and Media, Ill.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., *January 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that 2 cases of smallpox exist at Bethel, Morgan County. Source of infection, St. Louis; type, mild. One case exists also at Media, Henderson County; type, mild. Source of infection: First case reported at Biggsville, December 16. All cases quarantined. Disease not likely to spread. Total cases to date: Biggsville, 9; Media, 1; Bethel, 2. Confluent, 3; discrete, 1; varioloid, 8. No deaths.

Very respectfully,

J. A. EGAN, M. D.,
Secretary Illinois State Board of Health.

Smallpox in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, NEBR., *January 9, 1899.*

SIR: Your letter of recent date is at hand. The Nebraska State board of health is solely a licensing board. We have never been granted authority to intervene in matters of sanitation, and no funds are provided by the State for such purposes.

When the outbreak of smallpox in Nebraska City began in September,